Contra Costa County Aviation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda 550 Sally Ride Drive, Concord Thursday, November 14, 2013, 10:00 a.m.

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- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Opening Comments by Chair
- 3. Public Comment Period
- 4. Approval of Minutes (October 2013)
- 5. Consider Consent Items
 - a. Receive Relevant Board Actions
 - b. Development Project Matrix (No Current or Ongoing Projects)
- 6. Presentations/Special Reports
 - a. AAC Tenant Recognition Award Presentation
- 7. Discussion/Action Items
 - a. Items Pulled from Consent
 - **b.** Airport Noise Report & Statistics Report (September)
 - c. Sustainable Farm Update (See Attached)
 - d. Aviation Museum at Buchanan Field
 - e. East Ramp Hangar Painting Project
- 8. Updates and Announcements
 - a. Airport Committee Update
 - b. What is Happening at Buchanan Field & Byron Airports/Other Airports
 - c. Update from Airport Business Association
 - d. AAC Announcements
 - e. Airport Staff Announcements
- 9. Future Agenda Items
- 10. Adjourn

Next AAC Meeting (Tentative): December 12, 2013 at 10:00 am Next Airport Committee Meeting (Tentative): December 2, 2013 at 2:00 pm

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY AVIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING October 10, 2013

MEETING CALLED:

Chair Mike Bruno called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the

Director of Airport's Office.

PRESENT:

Mike Bruno, Chair, CCC Airports Business Association

Janet Kaiser, Diablo Valley College

Keith Freitas McMahon, City of Concord

Derek Mims, City of Pleasant Hill

Rudi Raab, District I

Ronald Reagan, District III Rich Spatz, At Large 2 Russell Roe, District II

Tom Weber, Vice Chair, District IV Ed Young, Secretary, At-Large 1

ABSENT:

None

STAFF:

Keith Freitas, Director of Airports

Julie Conti, Airport Staff

OPENING COMMENTS

BY CHAIR

Scott Newman, a tenant, is working with Rabobank, APEX hangars, reported that he is interested in helping to promote aviation at Buchanan Field Airport (Airport). He asked those in attendance to meet with him after the meeting for ideas on how the APEX hangars

can better contribute to the Airport.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PERIOD:

None

APPROVAL OF

MINUTES:

Moved by Tom Weber; seconded by Rich Spatz. Approved

unanimously. Keith McMahon abstained.

APPROVAL OF

CONSENT ITEMS: Moved by Tom Weber; seconded by Derek Mims. Approved

unanimously.

PRESENTATION/SPECIAL REPORTS:

- A. Aviation Advisory Committee (AAC) Tenant Recognition Award Presentation Moved to the November meeting.
- B. Travis Air Force Base (Travis) Mid-Air Collision Discussion -
 - 1. Keith Freitas reported that every couple years Travis contacts Airport staff to help circulate Travis Mid-Air Collisions information to the pilots due to the proximity between Buchanan Field, Byron Airport and Travis airspace.
 - 2. Major Jesse Riordan from the Wings Safety Office reported:
 - The main objective is to keep lines of communication open between local pilots and Travis to keep everyone informed into what is happening in their airspace.
 - a. Mid-Air Collision Avoidance pamphlets were made available.
 - b. It is important to get the pamphlets out to local pilots and anywhere local aircraft owners may need that information; it has been posted on the Airport's website.
 - There have been major changes at Travis this year. One of the most important being that they have three runways open this year including an assault strip.
 - Tactical training which was performed in Washington State is now being performed at Travis, which has increased the C-17 tactical training within the approach area.
 - Another issue to be aware of is, as more windmills are being built it will
 negatively impact the ability for radar controllers to pick up smaller aircraft in
 the vicinity so radio communication to the tower is important.
 - 3. Sergeant Gil McGinn stated:
 - Communication on the frequency will improve Travis controller's service, especially in keeping the private aircraft away from the military aircraft.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

a. <u>Items Pulled from Consent</u>

None

b. East Ramp Hangar Painting Project

Mike Bruno stated that he had requested that this item be added to the agenda because he represents the businesses and tenants on the field.

1. Tenants were unable to get questions answered during the process; they are quite unhappy and want to know what happened.

Keith Freitas gave a brief history on the painting project.

- 1. Late last year Airport staff started working with Capital Projects to repaint five (5) rows of hangars on the East Ramp, the maintenance hangar and emergency generator shed; seven (7) buildings total.
 - County process requires using the Capital Projects Division to manage such projects.

Steve Jordan, Capital Projects at Public Works introduced himself.

- 1. The project went out for formal bid as the project was expected to cost more than \$45,000; formal bid level requirement by the County.
- 2. Approximately eleven bids were received.
- 3. The lowest two (2) bidders did not satisfy certain aspects of the contract specifications and the third lowest bidder was awarded the contract.
- 4. A Notice to Proceed was given to the contractor in August.
- 5. The contractor did not agree with some of the specifications and, after many meetings, the contractor agreed not to do the project.
 - Capital Projects will be going before the Board of Supervisors to terminate the contract.

Les Richardson stated the contractor and sub-contractor had issues with the building preparation.

- 1. The paint contains lead that has to be abated in a proper and legal fashion.
 - The contractor and County disagreed as to what the specification required.
- 2. Decision was made to terminate the contract.

The AAC expressed their irritation over the way the project was handled.

- 1. It appears the specifications were not clear enough as was established by the range of bids and by the issues between the contractor and Capital Projects.
 - Confusion existed over what would be considered "as necessary" to abate the lead paint and what would be proper preparation to keep the failed paint from preventing the new paint from adhering.
 - a. Capital Projects staff interpreted the specification to mean taking all the paint off to the metal; which was what they considered "as necessary".
 - 1) Russ Roe, a hazardous certified abatement contractor, commented that complete removal was only one accepted method of lead abatement with another being painting over the existing lead paint. Unless the specification specifically stated "removal to bare metal" there would be several different accepted methods of mitigation.
- Not enough management oversight of the project.
 - The consultant who wrote the specifications should have been directed to perform testing to determine the depth of work prior to the bid specifications being released for bid.
 - a. Testing of the current paint conditions was not performed until after the contract had been awarded.
 - Investigations should have taken place to determine why there was such a wide range in bids.
 - a. The third lowest bid was \$165,000 and the highest bid came in around \$645,000.
 - 1) Determination should have been made as to how each bidder was interpreting the specification.
 - Before the contract was awarded to the third lowest bidder it should have been clear as to how the contractor was going to proceed to ensure there was no miscommunication on how the specifications were interpreted.
 - A project schedule should have been submitted by the contractor at the time the Notice to Proceed was issued so tenants could plan.

- Tenants were relocated and inconvenienced for a project that was never moving forward.
 - There were several conversations with the contractor and the disagreement over how the contract should be fulfilled had not been resolved before tenants were asked to relocate since tenants had to be given 30 days notice.
 - The Notice to Proceed should not have been issued while there were still issues.
 - a. Tenants would not have had to relocate until the project was ready to move forward.
 - The tenants are our customers and need to be treated that way; it was bad public relations to move them before all issues had been resolved.
- 4. Costs incurred and paid by the Airport for a project that was not moving forward.
 - To date, approximately \$60,000 was paid to Capital Projects and their consultant to develop the specifications.
 - a. Since the Airport generates their own income through rents, the Airport does not have \$60,000 to just waste.
 - Recourse should be taken against the consultant who wrote the specifications as they were unclear and incomplete.
 - a. Airport staff has contacted County Counsel to discuss the project and possible cost of legal fees.
- 5. Lack of communication on this project compared to the multi-million dollar runway project.
 - For the runway project, Airport staff knew months in advance what was happening and when, but Airport staff and tenants received little information with regard to the painting project even days before the tenants were to be moved.
 - Tenants were upset they were not getting their questions answered.
 - a. Mike Bruno commented that he had asked several questions over a period of time but there were few answers.
- 6. Procedure needs to be developed so that this issue does not happen again.
 - Airport staff had used outside consultants who have experience in dealing with airports on prior projects but, due to the nature of the painting project, County policy required that Capital Projects to oversee the project.
 - a. The Airport has a pool of airport consultants which should be incorporated into the County process for future projects.
 - The AAC would like additional processes added to the County policy.
- 7. This item to be added to the next AAC Agenda for further discussion.
- 8. Russ Roe requested a copy of the project specifications and Mike Bruno asked Russ to give his professional opinion on the specifications at the next meeting.

c. How Buchanan Field Fits Into the Bay Area Airport System

Keith Freitas reported that this was a carryover meeting item requested by Keith McMahon.

Keith McMahon stated that the subject was large enough that it should be discussed at a separate meeting and should be rescheduled.

- 1. Items to be discussed would be:
 - a. Overview of the Transportation Plan of the Bay Area
 - 1) This may impact future investment decisions for the Airport.

- 2) Maintaining the Part 139 Certificate.
- 3) How the Airport fits into Plan.

Russ Roe commented that there had been discussions in the past about being designated as a reliever airport for the Bay Area and what the expectations were but that it should be discussed again as it has been several years.

d. AAC Appointment Terms

Tom Weber reported that the At-Large Position term expires the end of February 2014; position currently held by Rich Spatz. The process for filling the position has changed; the AAC previously held interviews and then made a recommendation to the Internal Operations Committee (IOC). The new process has applicants being interviewed directly by IOC. Airport staff issued a press release to solicit for the position and will schedule applicant interviews at the November or December IOC Meeting. A recommendation will then go to the full Board of Supervisors for approval sometime in January or February.

Tom reported that there is a vacancy for the District V position and the Supervisor's office is working to fill it. The District IV position, that he holds, is also expiring the end of February; he will be working with Cliff Glickman and Supervisor Mitchoff to determine if they want to reappoint him or if they will be looking for a new representative. Members were asked to check their appointment expirations and to get with their appointing bodies to discuss reappointment as they only have 60 days to hold over.

e. Triennial Advisory Review

Mike Bruno reported that the Board of Supervisors requires advisory bodies complete a review every three (3) years. The review includes information on what the committee does, who the target audience is and what the committee's achievements and failures are. The AAC Officer's worked with Airport staff and the review has been submitted.

f. Aviation Museum at Buchanan Field

Keith Freitas stated that Airport staff has been approached by the owner of the Huey helicopter, which is based at Concord Jet, to discuss developing an Aviation Museum here at Buchanan Field. Airport staff has not received a lot of detail or any specific plans, which have been requested. The individual is interested in discussing his ideas with the AAC.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Airport Committee Update

Tom Weber reported that the Airport Committee (Committee) met about two weeks ago and it was relatively uneventful. The Committee was meeting quarterly but they may move meetings to a semi-annual basis or as needed.

b. What is happening at Buchanan Field & Byron Airports/Other Airports

Ronald Reagan reported that the Route 239 issue presentation was very informative and the presentation by the Patriot Jet Team was really good.

Ronald Reagan further reported that Keith Freitas and Beth Lee had given Assemblyman Jim Frazier and him an airport tour. Assemblyman Frazier had never been to the Byron Airport but was very impressed. There is a strong chance that the Assemblyman could be appointed to the State Transportation Committee which could possibly give him some access to funding that may be able to get the road extended from Armstrong Rd. to Vasco Rd. providing better access to the Airport.

c. Update from Airport Business Association

Mike Bruno reported that business for Sterling has increased. October has been a very productive month, which is usually slow, and Sterling is looking to add more staff.

d. AAC Announcements

None

e. Airport Staff Announcements

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Noise complaints for more discussion Part 150 Noise Study – 10 Noise Abatement Items Painting Project AAC Tenant Recognition Award

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 11:30 a.m.

FINAL



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY AVIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING September 12, 2013

MEETING CALLED:

Chair Mike Bruno called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the

Byron Airport's Office.

PRESENT:

Mike Bruno, Chair, CCC Airports Business Association

Derek Mims, City of Pleasant Hill

Rudi Raab, District I

Ronald Reagan, District III Rich Spatz, At Large 2 Russell Roe, District II

Tom Weber, Vice Chair, District IV Ed Young, Secretary, At-Large 1

ABSENT:

Janet Kaiser, Diablo Valley College

Keith McMahon, City of Concord

STAFF:

Keith Freitas, Director of Airports

OPENING COMMENTS

BY CHAIR

Mike Bruno thanked all that were present for attending the Byron

Airport meeting and thanked Ron Reagan and Ed Young for all or their

outreach efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PERIOD:

None

APPROVAL OF

MINUTES:

Moved by Tom Weber; seconded by Rich Spatz. Approved

unanimously.

APPROVAL OF

CONSENT ITEMS:

Moved by Tom Weber; seconded by Russ Roe. Approved

unanimously.

PRESENTATION/SPECIAL REPORTS: State Route 239 Issue

Martin Engleman, Deputy Executive Director of Planning, from the Contra Costa County Transportation Authority (CCCTA), gave an overview of the Route 239 corridor study.

- State Route (SR) 239 is legislatively approved, but unfunded that would connect SR 4 near Brentwood to I-205 west of Tracy.
- There are several items of constraint which include:
 - o Prime farmland
 - Land acquired for conservation
 - o Alkali soils
 - Vernal pools
 - Byron Airport and utility infrastructure
 - Wind resource area
 - Delta protection zone and waterways
 - Byron hot springs
 - Endangered species: California tiger salamander, California red-legged frog habitat, western burrowing owl.
- SR 239 would create some regional connectivity.
 - One option being considered is for an Airport connector, consisting of a 2 to 4 lanes between Highway Junction 4 to Vasco Rd.
- Public input has been solicited with open house meetings, web and media outreach, and a virtual workshop.
- A draft feasibility study is nearing completion; estimated this winter.
- Final feasibility study will be complete in the 2014.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

a. Items Pulled from Consent

None

b. AAC Tenant Recognition Award Selection

Mike Bruno commented that the Mt. Diablo Pilots Association (MDPA) and Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) put in a lot of time to renovate the Buchanan Field clubhouse. Members volunteered 2,200 hours to make the renovations. Mike proposed that the two clubs be awarded Tenant Recognition Awards and that the awards be accepted by the individuals who volunteered the most hours.

Tom Weber made a motion to accept the proposal. Ron Reagan seconded. Approved Unanimously.

c. How Buchanan Field Fits into Bay Area Airport System

Keith Freitas recommended, since committee member Keith McMahon requested this item, that it be held over to the next meeting.

d. Byron Airport Infrastructure Analysis Report Update

Keith Freitas gave a brief history of the infrastructure analysis at the Byron Airport.

- The analysis will determine remaining capacity of the current infrastructure; well water, fire system, and septic tank system plus identify improvements necessary to achieve build out of the Airport based on the Master Plan.
- First draft is being completed by the Airport's consultant, Mead & Hunt, and should be ready in the next 30 – 60 days.
- The analysis will show what options are available to support future development.
 - There are a lot of new technologies for sewer systems and potable water systems.
 - Whether water could be pulled from the Byron-Bethany Irrigation District or if sewer and water can be brought in from Discovery Bay or the Town of Byron.

e. Update from Patriot Jet Team Foundation

Dave Ringler gave a brief overview of the Patriot Jet Team Foundation (Foundation).

- Primary strategy is to bring aerospace education together with math and science programs in the local school systems.
- Partnerships are being developed with the area school districts.
 - o The Foundation is currently working with Freedom High School's Principal and some of their teachers to build a program.
 - Students from the school recently had a rocket launch. The students built the rockets by measuring angles using trigonometry and using an inclinometer and applied scientific methods they had learned.
 - Over 2,200 students participated with over 550 rocket launches.
 - Heritage High School is now interested in the program and the Foundation has been having discussions with their Principal, Vice Principal and lead science teacher.
 - The Foundation is working with a home schooling program and classes will be held with 30 students at a time.
 - o The Brentwood elementary schools have approached the foundation about their program and meetings have been set up with 10 teachers.
- The Experimental Aircraft Association's Young Eagles Program out of Tracy is also working with the Foundation.
- A private pilot ground school is being held.
 - Discussions include science clubs, aerospace clubs, etc.
- The Foundation goals are about getting kids to think, problem solve, and come up with new ideas and questions.
- The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has issued directives regarding radio controlled aircraft at Airports. Due to this directive the Foundations will be unable to have radio controlled aircraft at Byron Airport.
- A Coordinator of a Rainbow Girls Program is interested in bringing the girls out;
 they were invited to the Young Eagles Event on October 12, 2013.
 - The Foundation would like to have more girls involved with the program; the Girl Scouts have been contacted but have not shown any interest as of yet.
- Internet service is one issue that the Foundation is facing and are looking to see
 if a T-1 line can be installed to be able to handle the massive amounts of data
 they will need to transmit.
- The Smithsonian Air and Space Museum (Museum) contacted the Foundation to let them know that they want to work with them. The Museum wants to know how

they can get the Foundations programs and establish a link with them; however, the Foundation currently does not have the servers necessary for that kind of data movement or capacity.

• The Foundation is looking for added volunteers; this is the biggest factor that will someday limit the number of students able to attend.

Mike Bruno was given recognition for his participation with the Foundation.

f. Year 2012/13 Budget at 99%

Keith Freitas reported:

- The Airport Enterprise Fund exceeded its revenues
- Goals on expenditures were met
- Retained earnings were approximately \$450,000
 - A recommendation would be made to add \$60,000 to the Airport Reserve Fund as is consistent with the policy.
 - Remainder will be used for various Capital Fund Projects such as paving, infrastructure, etc. for the Airports.

UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Airport Committee Update

Next meeting is Monday, September 23, 2013, at 12:30.

b. What is happening at Buchanan Field & Byron Airports/Other Airports None

c. Update from Airport Business Association

None

d. AAC Announcements

None

e. Airport Staff Announcements

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

AAC Appointments Terms
How Buchanan Field Fits into Bay Area Airport System
New County Advisory Committee Policy

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by the Chair.

Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors APPROVED Board Orders Relating to County Airports

The following certified Board Orders are attached:

October 22, 2013

APPROVE a termination agreement that terminates the construction contract dated June 4, 2013, between the County and EVRA Construction, Inc. ("EVRA") for the "Painting Hangar Rows at the Buchanan Field Airport" project, 550 Sally Ride Drive, Concord.

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Julia R. Bueren, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer

Date: October 22, 2013

Subject: Agreement to Terminate Construction Contract with EVRA Construction, Inc. for Painting Hangar Rows at Buchanan

Field Airport, 550 Sally Ride Drive



Contra Costa County

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE a termination agreement that terminates the construction contract dated June 4, 2013, between the County and EVRA Construction, Inc. ("EVRA") for the "Painting Hangar Rows at the Buchanan Field Airport" project, 550 Sally Ride Drive, Concord.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The EVRA construction contract is for \$165,000. Terminating the contract will reverse the encumbrance and return the funds, less costs of \$3,475, to the Airport Enterprise fund.

BACKGROUND:

The project involves painting the exterior of various structures at Buchanan Field Airport that have deteriorated paint, including Hangar Row F (a metal building that is 11,670 square feet and houses multiple aircraft hangars), the Owner's Maintenance Hangar, and the Generator Shed. The work includes the removal and abatement of deteriorated lead-based paint.

Plans and specifications for the project were prepared for the Public Works Department ("PWD") by its architectural consultant, Interactive Resources, Inc., and filed with the Clerk of the Board

	OTHER
RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY AD	MINISTRATOR RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE
Action of Board On: 10/22/2013 APP Clerks Notes: VOTE OF SUPERVISORS	PROVED AS RECOMMENDED OTHER
AYES <u>5</u> NOES ABSENT ABSTAIN RECUSE	I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown. ATTESTED: October 22, 2013 David J. Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
Contact: Rob Lim (925) 313-2000	By: Chris Heck, Deputy

cc: PW Accounting, PW CPM Division Manager, PW CPM Project Manager, PW CPM Project Manager, PW CPM Clerical, Auditor's Office, County Administrator's Office, County Administrator's Office

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

by the Public Works Director. Bids were received and opened by PWD on April 25, 2013. On June 4, 2013, a \$165,000 construction contract, which includes the base scope plus all additive alternates, was awarded to EVRA.

The County and EVRA agree that it would be in both parties' best interests to not proceed with the contract. County staff recommends that the Board approve the termination agreement under which the County agrees to reimburse EVRA \$3,475 for the cost of project performance and payment bonds purchased by EVRA shortly after the contract was awarded.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

A negative action would result in a delay in having the work performed by other means.

CHILDREN'S IMPACT STATEMENT:

Not applicable.

Noise Abatement Statistics September 2013

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Martinez 0 0 2	7 5	
Byron 0 0 0	0 2	
Other 0 0 1	10 12	
Subtotal 5 5 4	50 38	
Special Events 0 0 0	1 0	
Total Number of Complaints 5 5 4	51 38	
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Buchanan Field Airport 5 2	39 18	
Byron Airport 0 0	0 2	
Law Enforcement/Lifeguard Lights 0 0	1 6	
Non-associated 0 2	11 12	
TIME OF INCIDENT		
	30 40	
	30 16	
	5 14	
	7 6	
All Times 0 0	9 2	
TYPE OF COMPLAINT		
Noise 3 1	19 7	
Low Flying 1 1 1	14 8	
Noise and Low Flying 1 2	14 10	·-
Too Many Aircraft 0 0	4 2	
Other	1 12	
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TOTAL AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS 7,862 7,208 66,1	59,698	11%
COMPLAINTS PER 11,000 OPERATIONS 7 6	8 7	21%
COMPLAINTS PER 11,000 OPERATIONS - BUCHANAN ONLY 7 3	6 3	96%

Feb - 1 Complaint from news helicopter

June - 1 Complaint Collings Foundation Event

 ² Complaints from Benicia
 3 Complaints from Aerial Photographer (non associated)

July - 1 Complaint from Benicia

² Complaints from Lafayette - news helicopters

¹ Complaint UH1 Helicopter

Aug - Call from automotive business west of golf course regarding jet aircraft

Contra Costa County Airports Monthly Operations Report

September 2013					
	September	September	YTD	YTD	% CHANGE
	2013	2012	2013	2012	2012/2013
AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS					111111111111111111111111111111111111111
Total Operations	7,862	7,208	66,160	59,698	11%
Local Operations	4,232	3,002	31,716	25,220	26%
Itinerant Operations	2,810	3,407	27,007	28,056	-4%
Total Instrument Ops	583	553	5,278	5,433	-3%
FUEL FLOWAGE					
100 Octane Jet Fuel Total BYRON INFORMATION	19,907	21,998	172,935	191,658	-10%
	58,877	47,429	485,264	426,698	14%
	78,784	69,427	658,199	618,356	6%
Byron Fuel	2,391	5,341	26,702	33,007	-19%
SKYDIVERS Number of Flights Experienced Jumps First Time Jumps Student Jumps	137	214	1,238	1,358	-9%
	1,380	2,083	13,277	12,760	4%
	673	301	2,260	2,001	13%
	42	34	383	297	29%

Agenda Item #7.c

Sustainable farm on Contra Costa sanitary district land gets tentative green light

By Theresa Harrington Contra Costa Times Contra Costa Times Posted:

ContraCostaTimes.com

MARTINEZ -- The Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Board on Thursday voted to direct staff to pursue an agreement with supporters of a proposed sustainable farm on district-owned property.

Trustees tentatively agreed to the idea of providing nearly 15 acres to the project at no cost, including 10 acres that would be planted with produce and five acres for educational purposes. The agreement would protect two acres from a requirement that could ask the farm to vacate with advance notice. The final agreement will come back to the board for approval.

Trustees also agreed to pursue a Request for Proposals for uses on remainder of the 33-acre parcel, along with a land use permit for the entire property. More information is available by calling 925-228-9500 or by visiting www.centralsan.org. Click on "Board of Directors," then "Agendas," then Oct. 3.